

REMARKS

Favorable consideration of the above and attached are requested.

Claims 1-21 have been canceled, without prejudice. Claims 22- 45 have been added and are pending.

Pages 29-38 have been deleted as containing substantially the same subject matter as pages 13-22 and hence being duplicative. Pages 29-38 were canceled in the parent application Serial No. 09/913,525 in response to the Examiner's requirement for substitute specification which includes the corrected text and sequence identifiers. Specific paragraphs noted by the Examiner have been corrected above. The applicants submit that a substitute specification should not be required.

The title has been amended in response to the Examiner's requirement for the same in the parent application.

A copy of the Declaration from the parent application is attached.

A copy of the parent application, as originally-filed is attached. Also attached is a copy of an English translation of pages 10, 24 and 27 attached to the corrected IPER, copies of the same having also been filed in the parent application.

The specification has been amended to include the attached Sequence Listing. The attached paper copy of the Sequence Listing is the same as the paper and computer readable copies of the Sequence Listing filed on December 27, 2001 in the parent application Serial No. 09/913,525. No new matter has been added. The Patent Office is requested to use the computer readable form of the Sequence Listing filed

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December 27, 2001 in the parent application Serial No. 09/913,525, for the present application. A separate Request for the same is attached.

A PTO 1449 Form is attached listing the art of record in the parent application. Return of an Examiner-initialed copy of the attached PTO 1449 Form, pursuant to MPEP § 609 is requested. A copy of the Search Report from the parent PCT application is attached.

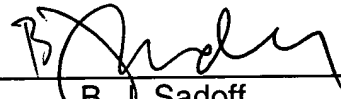
The requisite filing fee is attached.

An early and favorable Action on the merits of the claimed invention is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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